

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated August 2, 2005. A petition for a two month extension of time is submitted herewith.

Examiner has objected to claims 76, questioning whether "of claim 1 should be deleted" since claim 76 depends from claim 75. The words "of claim 1" have been deleted.

Examiner has objected claims 1 and 75, stating it is not clear what "less than about 0.1 to no more than about 0.3" refers to. The phrase "less than about 0.1 to no more than about 0.3" refers to the $\tan \delta$ of the silicone hydrogel. The claim language recites that the $\tan \delta$ should be in the range from "less than about 0.1" to "no more than about 0.3". Applicants believe that this language particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter Applicants regard as their invention. Withdrawal of the objections is requested.

Examiner has rejected claims 1-21, 23 and 75-80 as unpatentable, under the doctrine of obviousness type double patenting, over claims 9-11 of US 5,998,498.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments have traversed the Examiner's rejection. Early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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